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Column One
By
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ALL at once, two senior members of the British Foreign Office disappear: they, or their baggage, or telegrams supposedly originating with them, are heard of from St. Malo, Rennes, Paris, Switzerland, Rome: "two Polish diplomats" fly from Paris to Warsaw but probably they were no more Polish than Mr. Morrison himself; and on Friday last a Soviet ship steamed out of Antwerp for a Russian port. A total of 15,000 West European detectives are said to be looking for the two men, who may or may not have secrets with them; may or may not have been kidnapped; may or may not, so strange and unpredictable is our world today, have decided to ask for political asylum east of the Iron Curtain; and even may, or may not, be on some ridiculous jaunt of their own. Never was there a better story for the big-black-type newspapers; or one with more disturbing probabilities for the British Government; or, it may turn out, more disturbing probabilities for us all.

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THERE is no denying it, most people are coming round to the view that Donald McClean and Guy Burgess have gone to one of the countries of the Soviet group. If they have, what with the Fuchs and Pontecorvo affairs, there will be heart-searchings in London and Washington; record-searchings and room-searchings, too; in fact, the rallying-horn will be heard and the witch-hunt will be on. Mr. Hoover, whose F.B.I. writ already runs along the fringe of the M.I.5. domain, may even try to become an organic part of the Atlantic Pact organization; and the age of the secret dossier will have been successfully installed from end to end of this grotesque earth, even if there should happen to come a less ominous explanation of the disappearance of Mr. McClean and Mr. Burgess.

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THE tale of the lost Foreign Office officials makes reading for the general public; but it is also frightening. The British and American people have been reading Mr. Koestler's grimy extravaganza, the *Age of Longing*; and the horrifying, serialized "revelations" of two ex-Communists, F. Beck and W. Godin, as well as a host of other books and articles. It is enough to make anyone look under his bed at night, and sleep restlessly anyway; and if two well-to-do gentleman of the Foreign Office, with everything in their favour, including a sound upbringing, can be spirited away in this fashion, then anything may happen. Of course, it is possible that they were not spirited away, or not by Mr. Stalin; all the same, the mere fact that most people naturally assume that that is what has happened to the two men indicates an extremely nervous state of mind.

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ONE begins to wonder how much longer that state of mind can go on side by side with good government and the attempt to bring peace and stability to a racked world. The responsible rulers of the West like the responsible rulers of the East do not want war. On this side and presumably on the other they are building up a psychosis of fear as one means of persuading the people to accept huge armament programmes and consequent harsh restrictions. That fear is battened upon by the few who are out-and-out war-mongers and the time is approaching when war may be the only way out of public desperation and official inability to control it. Even at the Congressional Inquiry into the dismissal of General MacArthur, witnesses for the Administration have felt it necessary to play up to the public disquiet and to differ from General MacArthur not in principle but in methods. If the two men of the British Foreign Office have gone to a Communist country, it will be worth everyman's while to ponder their likely motives.

Tel Aviv, June 12.

Missing Briton 'Unsatisfactory' In Earlier Work

LONDON, Monday (Reuter).— Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison, making his promised statement in the House of Commons today about the two missing British diplomats, said that one of the missing men—Mr. Guy Burgess — had recently been recalled from the British Embassy in Washington "owing to his general unsuitability."

The whole question of further employment in the Foreign Office for Mr. Burgess had been under consideration when he disappeared.

The Foreign Secretary said security aspects of the case were under investigation but it was not in the public interest to disclose them. Asked if the missing diplomats had any connection with Soviet Russia, Mr. Morrison replied: "I think that this is a matter which we should not prejudice one way or the other at this state."

High French officials in Paris said today that the French police were calling off the nationwide manhunt for the two missing British diplomats as a result of information indicating that the British authorities believe the two men have left Western Europe. But a British official here said that there was no justification for such a statement.

'Escapade' Unlikely

The search for the moment is said to be centred on Southern Italy, especially the islands in the vicinity of Naples.

At first it was thought that the men — Donald McLean, 38, Acting Head of the American Department of the Foreign Office, and Guy Burgess, 40, former Second Secretary at the British Embassy in Washington — had gone off on a truant jaunt to France. But the "escapade" theory was dropped as 17 days passed without a trace of their whereabouts.

In Paris over the weekend secret service men turned their attention to the theory that the two men may have crossed the "Iron Curtain" into Poland.

A French police spokesman said on Saturday he believed it possible that "two young Polish diplomats" who flew from Paris to Warsaw on Sunday, June 3, might have been the missing pair.

Hamburg radio on Saturday night quoted an unconfirmed report broadcast by Bucharest Radio that the two men had arrived in Prague.

Two senior officials of Britain's Scotland Yard arrived in Vienna on Saturday and went to Klagenfurt in the British zone in connection with the diplomats' disappearance, usually reliable Austrian sources said last night.

Sir Percy Sillitoe, Chief of MI 5, the British War Offices' counter espionage services, left for New York by air with a companion last night. British press reports said he was to confer in Washington with Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation about tightening security in both Britain and the U.S. A War Office spokesman last night declined to comment on his trip.

Russia Asks For Talks On Japan

MOSCOW, Monday (Reuter). — Russia yesterday proposed a peace conference in July or August of all states that fought Japan to draw up a peace treaty on the basis of a review of draft treaties proposed by the U.S. and Russia. The proposals were made in a note handed here yesterday to American Ambassador Kirk by Acting Foreign Minister Zorin. Copies were sent to the British, French and Chinese (Communist) Embassies.

The note reaffirmed the principles stated in the Soviet comments on the U.S. Draft Treaty on May 7 that the Treaty must be all-sided and not separate and that no state which fought against Japan should be excluded.

In Washington, U.S. officials viewed Russia's proposal as the "latest in a series of Soviet moves aimed at delaying a settlement with Japan." The prospects are that it will be rejected like the Moscow proposal, advanced last month, to let major Powers alone dictate the peace terms.

Russia's demand that Communist China be included in the negotiations is considered out of the question here. Britain proposed consultations with Peking and was told the U.S. would not agree.

Violation Charged

Nineteen pages long, the note charged that since the U.S. Draft provided for a war alliance between Japan and the U.S. the purpose of a separate treaty was the conversion of Japan into a docile instrument for the realization of American aggressive plans in the Far East. It said if the U.S. did not desist from its efforts to exclude the Soviet Union and the Chinese People's Republic from the Treaty, this would mean it had launched on a path of gross violation of international obligations.

The note denied the Soviet Union and the U.S. had entered negotiations for a draft treaty, and said "There were none and cannot be any negotiations with the U.S. on drawing up a draft since the Soviet Union stood and stands against any kind of separate treaty."

The note said it was true the Soviet U.N. delegate, M. Jakob Malik, and Mr. John Foster Dulles had conferred at the latter's request but absolutely wrong to consider these talks as negotiations.

The Soviet note reiterated the position taken in the May 7 note to the effect that a five Power Council of Foreign Ministers was empowered to work out a peace settlement not only for Europe. In the case of Japan, Russia said, the Council of Foreign Ministers comprised the four Powers Russia, China, the U.S. and Britain.

The note reiterated and reaffirmed its May 7 statement on the return of Formosa to China, and demanded a peace treaty on the basis of the Cairo, Potsdam and Yalta agreements.

Marshall Denies Peace Rumours

TOKYO, Monday. — U.S. Defence Secretary George Marshall denied categorically today that he was in the Far East to discuss peace in Korea. "Even if there were such negotiations," he added, "I am sure that the 8th Army would not moderate its pressure against the enemy."

"I brought no directives for General Ridgway," General Marshall told newsmen, and there is no basis for the speculations that "I have come here to talk about peace or any of its ramifications."

Most of his conference with the newsmen General Marshall devoted to a discussion of the manpower problem in Korea, over which he was fairly optimistic. Recalling how at the beginning of the Korean conflict as many as 50 per cent of front line units were composed of raw recruits, General Marshall said that by August the U.S. military forces would be turning out 50,000 trained enlisted men monthly — men who are badly needed for replacements in Korea.

His discussions with General Ridgway, the Defence Secretary said were "casual," and concerned the defence of Japan after the peace treaty U.S. troops stationed in Japan and the status of Japanese police training.

Later, Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida had a 40-minute conference with General Marshall, and General Ridgway. Particulars regarding this interview have not been disclosed yet.

(AFP, Reuter, UP)

TOKYO, Monday (AP). — As Allied tanks rumbled into Chorwon and Kumhwa almost simultaneously today, two other Allied frontal attacks were hurled back by a regiment of Chinese Communists. A third frontal assault was called off because of darkness.

Frontline officers believed the Communists were forming new main defence lines at Kumsong, 45 kms. north of the Parallel. Intelligence sources confirmed this view, quoting evidence that the Chinese had transferred their central base of operations from the Chorwon-Kumhwa-Pyongyang triangle, which is now practically in Allied hands.

Persians Hoist Flag in Abadan; Britons Arrive

TEHERAN, Monday. — As the first part of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's delegation arrived here by air today, a large, gaily-painted notice board bearing the inscription "Board of Directors for the Nationalization of Oil" was nailed on the main entrance of the Abadan refinery and the Persian flag hoisted over the Company's main office.

Mr. Drake, General Manager of the A.I.O.C. in Khuzistan, later received the three men the Persian Government has appointed temporary directors of the nationalized oil industry.

He received them not as directors of the National Persian Oil Company but as "distinguished representatives of the Persian Government," Mr. Drake explained to the press.

He added that the three Persian directors had been allocated office accommodation on the floor beneath his own office, which he described as "a normal courtesy."

Meanwhile, the Company's delegation, headed by A.I.O.C. Vice-Chairman Basil Jackson, arrived in Teheran today. No Persian officials were present at the airport, and the delegation was met only by representatives of the Company and the British Embassy.

Earlier today, the Persian Government officially replied to President Truman's letter to Premier Mossadeq.

(Reuter, UP)

Hope Seen In Oil Dispute

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday (ITIM). — "The very fact of our direct meeting with Iranian representatives is indicative of hope for the future," Mr. B.R. Jackson, vice-chairman of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, said here today in reference to the current oil dispute.

Mr. Jackson, together with the other five members of the British delegation to Teheran, stopped over here briefly on his way from London to Teheran for the talks which begin tomorrow.

'Arabs Will Join Israel In ME War'

NEW YORK, Monday (INA) —"In case of war, the Middle East will be regarded as a whole. That is to say that communications and all types of war operations will be established between us and Israel," Dr. Charles Malik, Chairman of the U.N. Human Rights Commission and Lebanese Minister to the U.S., said in a press interview in Beirut, according to a "New York Times" despatch.

Referring to U.S. policy in regard to peace between Israel and the Arab states, Dr. Malik said "I am more thoroughly in on this subject than anyone else. I believe that I know more about it than chiefs of sections in the U.S. State Department because each of them studies matters which concern his branch, but I have been able to gather information from all these sections to compose a precise image of the situation.

"America has ceased to exercise pressure on the Arabs for the benefit of Israel. America gave up this effort a year and a half ago after she had taken note of the firm attitude of the Arab states and their peoples in persisting in their blockade of Israel. America will not permit the Arabs to destroy the State of Israel but she will not allow Israel to expand to the detriment of the Arab states."

Asked what should be done in the case of a general war, Dr. Malik took issue with two widely voiced sentiments in the Arab world. "It would be a disgrace to confide our defence to a foreign nation without Arabs participating," he said. "If we retire into our houses while strangers fight for our territory the result will certainly be the loss of our independence." He urged the Arabs to build up their own armed forces. "I have very important information which proves to me that we can obtain immediate material aid as well as reinforcement of our armaments," he stated.

One condition of peace in the Middle East, Dr. Malik said, is an entente between the Arab states and Turkey.

PLACE NAME SIGNS TO BE PUT UP

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Crossroad signs will bear place names in Hebrew, Arabic and Latin characters, according to a regulation gazetted today.

Syrian MAC Drops Charges

Sixteen complaints were struck off the agenda today, when the Israel-Syrian MAC met at the customs house at Gesher B'not Ya'acov for six and half hours. All complaints concerning aircraft violating either Israel or Syrian territory were among those withdrawn.

Both sides declared that orders would be reissued to all military aircraft not to cross the defensive zones, the demilitarized area or the other state's territory.

The meeting did not discuss the work in the Huleh, it was reported, this subject being considered outside the MAC's competence.

The meeting was chaired by Colonel Samuel Taxis and attended by Sgan-Aloof S. Ramati and Sgan-Aloof M. Hanegbi for Israel, and by Major Jedid and Major el Kudsi for Syria.

Digging of River Bed Resumed

TIBERIAS, Monday. — The digging of the temporary Jordan bed in the Huleh Valley was resumed this morning.

Four excavators and seven bulldozers were at work, chiefly south of the Bnot Ya'acov Bridge, on land over which there is no dispute. There were no incidents.

Israel, Egypt Meet Today at Auja

TEL AVIV, Monday.—Aloof Moshe Dayan will head the Israel delegation to the meeting tomorrow of the Special Committee established under the Israel-Egyptian Armistice Agreement. The meeting will take place at Auja el Hafir under the chairmanship of Lieut.-General William Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff.

Aloof Dayan will be accompanied by Mr. Shabetai Rosenne, Legal Adviser to the Foreign Ministry who, together with Aloof Dayan, was among the signatories of the Armistice Agreement.

The meeting has been called to hear an appeal by the Egyptian delegation against a decision of the Israel-Egypt Mixed Armistice Commission not to interfere with the passage of goods to Israel.

Syria Objects To Riley Order

DAMASCUS, Monday (Reuter). — Syrian Prime Minister Khaled el Azzem announced yesterday that the Syrian U.N. representative had been instructed to inquire into "reports" that Major General William Riley U.N. Chief of Staff for Palestine, had authorized Israel to resume drainage work on Jewish-owned lands in the Huleh.

The Syrian representative had also been instructed to protest against General Riley's action since Syria did not agree with his view of the matter, he added.

Zionist Congress Voting Tomorrow

In announcing that the elections to the Zionist Congress would be held tomorrow as scheduled, Mr. Eliahu Dobkin, Chairman of the Jewish Agency's Organization Department, told the press in Jerusalem yesterday that no word has been received from the General Zionist or Mizrahi parties abroad that they would boycott the Congress on July 14.

"Although these two parties in Israel have taken it upon themselves to boycott the election and Congress," he said, "I hope their members will vote."

Mr. Dobkin reported that about 1,900,000 Jews in the Diaspora — except in the Eastern Bloc where the *Shekel* was allowed to be sold only in Czechoslovakia — had the right to vote. He said that 256 delegates would attend from the Diaspora while Israel would be represented by 210.

Galut Delegates

Of the Diaspora delegates 101 would be from the Progressives, General Zionists and Hadassah; 60 from Mapai, 39 of Mizrahi and Poale Mizrahi, 12 of Mapam, 16 Revisionists and six from other groups.

He reiterated his belief that nobody would be able to vote twice in the local election since the voter will have his identity booklet stamped after voting.

Noting that $100m. might be raised this year in the U.S., Mr. Dobkin said that the Zionist Movement's tasks for the next three years are to help another 600,000 to immigrate here, to create new emigration reserves in foreign countries and to encourage the flow of pioneers from Western countries.

In a talk broadcast over Kol Israel, Mr. Joseph Sprinzak, Chairman of the Presidium of the Zionist General Council, yesterday surveyed the accomplishments of Zionism since the convocation of the First Zionist Congress in Basle in 1897, and called on the population of Israel to participate in tomorrow's elections for the 23rd Congress.

Kaplan Recovering, Will Return Soon

By Ted R. Lurie

NEW YORK, Monday. — Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, the Minister of Finance, will leave here on Friday and plans to spend a short period of convalescence in the South of France before returning to Israel at the end of the month.

His doctors promise that he will then be fit to return to active work in the directing of the country's financial affairs, but his participation in the election campaign will have to be limited. Mr. Kaplan is still confined to his hotel suite where the continuous flow of appointments gives him no rest. Nevertheless, he has been responding satisfactorily to treatment and his doctors believe that after his holiday in France he will be physically fitter than before he fell ill last month.

Plans for utilizing the first proceeds of the bonds are already in hand here and top priority is being given to the country's expanding power requirements, Mr. Kaplan told me. The chief difficulty is the backlog in the production of power generators by U.S. manufacturers and the long period which must elapse between placing of an order and delivery.

One problem still unsolved because of Mr. Kaplan's illness is the relations between the bonds and the U.J.A. but he is most hopeful that his negotiations this week will lead to a working arrangement which will lessen, if not eliminate, the differences. He believes that U.J.A. fears about the 25 per cent clause permitting bondholders to contribute a quarter of their holdings annually to the Appeal, are exaggerated.

Most Jewish leaders feel the differences are mainly personal. This is indicated in many communities where relations have been established on the most amicable basis — in fact many important local leaders now actively promoting the sale of bonds are the same men who have just completed successful U.J.A. campaigns.

P.M. Given Jerusalem Scroll

By Robert Gary

Shrill whoops of welcome and warm applause greeted Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gurion as they drove through the Corridor yesterday to Jerusalem where the Prime Minister received the Scroll which makes him a Freeman of the capital.

Along the route from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem groups of people from the towns and *ma'barot*, led by school children waving flags, welcomed them. In Jerusalem, thousands lined Jaffa Road up to the Municipality building where the Mayor, Mr. S.Z. Shragai, presented the Prime Minister with a scroll designating him as a Freeman.

Noting that the decision to make Mr. Ben Gurion a Freeman had been made by the previous Municipal Council on December 14, 1949, the Mayor said that it had been an expression of gratitude to the Government for the decision to move to Jerusalem.

"The capital will never forget your stand in the days of uncertainty and the part you played in the declaration of the State and of Jerusalem as the capital," Mr. Shragai said.

After accepting the document, the Prime Minister observed, "It is a far greater honour to be just a plain, everyday citizen of Jerusalem than an honorary citizen. And I have had the honour to be a Jerusalem citizen for 40 years."

Recalling the heroic fighting of the Army to secure the capital, he paid warm tribute to the stand made by the citizenry without which, he said, the city could not have been saved.

It is not enough, he declared, that Jerusalem should be the capital of Israel alone. It must be the capital of the Jewish nation throughout the world, he said.

"Jerusalem will not fulfil its role if it does not become the capital of the Torah and Wisdom for the entire Jewish nation," he asserted.

"But 'without bread there is no wisdom'," he said, quoting the proverb to emphasize the need for greater economic development and stronger military security.

The large crowds, including many children, who had gathered in Ben Yehuda Street to see the Prime Minister arrive, were plainly disappointed when he drove by in a closed car at considerable speed.

After the ceremony the Municipality held a reception at the Talbieh Rose Garden.

"I hope we all shall be worthy of Jerusalem," he declared.

Discussing his trip to the U.S. he said that the warm welcome accorded him "was not an outburst by one section of the Jewish people, but by all the Jews there." It was also a demonstration of the

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Restored Capital City Honours Its Champion

Text of Parchment Scroll conferring Freedom of the City of Jerusalem on Prime Minister David Ben Gurion

"And the first Government shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem."
(Micah 4, 8)

On the fourth day of the week, the 23rd day of Kislev in the year 5710 of the Creation, the third year of the establishment and lasting foundation of the sovereign State of Israel.

From the day after the people in Zion and the Dispersion had listened to your word, the word of the head of the Government of Israel, at the session of the Knesset at its provisional seat in the town of Tel Aviv, your historic statement before the appointed of the nation — ever since the provisional Government was set up, the concern for the peace, the security and the economic strength of Jerusalem was uppermost in our mind, and only the turmoil of war, the siege of Jerusalem made it necessary to establish a temporary home for the Government in the Kirya near Tel Aviv — and these were your words: "The State of Israel has had and will have one capital only — Jerusalem the Eternal. Thus it was three thousand years ago, and thus it will be, such is our belief, until the end of the generations."

At that same session, your declaration that its glory be restored to Jerusalem was confirmed, and the Knesset resolved to establish its seat in Jerusalem. As the captain who holds the helm of the State in his faithful and experienced hands, you rose the day after and ascended to Jerusalem in order to convert into reality the resolution of Government and Knesset.

David Ben Gurion, revered head of our Government! Well know the people of Zion and the Dispersion how great is your share in the rise of the State of Israel and the Redemption. And Jerusalem knows how great was your concern about its fate in its days of siege and distress, how large and mighty your devotion to the task of restoring its former glory, to make of it again a "faithful city," a town that provides honest livelihood for its inhabitants, that absorbs masses of immigrants in trade and industry, in all fields of labour and economy, learning and study — to rebuild its ruins, and to erect in it shining seats of science and culture, a city whence goes forth Torah and Light to the nation and the world, a city of creative effort towards the redemption of the wastelands, the hills and plains of the country, a city whose gates will be open day and night, until Jerusalem will again become the pride of the land —

Now therefore the Members of the Municipal Council here met in solemn assembly, united in respect and affection, and have resolved to confer upon you:

The title of Honorary Citizen of Jerusalem, the Eternal City, the Capital of Israel.

And in witness thereof the Members of the Municipal Council have undertaken today to express their own rejoicing and the wish of the people in handing you this Scroll.

We pray that as you have been granted fulfilment of your own word and that of the Knesset to restore the glory of Jerusalem, you may be granted, together with all of us, to see fulfilled in our days the great mission of our generation, the Ingathering of Exiles, redeemed and delivered in Zion. May Israel do valiantly and the word of the Prophet be fulfilled: "And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited."

Leopold Speeds Resignation

BRUSSELS, Monday (Reuter). — King Leopold of the Belgians today wrote to Premier Joseph Pholien declaring he would abdicate on July 16 in favour of his son Prince Baudouin. He had been expected to abdicate on September 7, the Prince's 21st birthday.

The Cabinet of the all-Catholic government hurriedly assembled today and heard the Premier read the letter in which the King suggested the abdication ceremony should take place on July 16 and the new king ascend the throne the next day. The Prince is at present Regent, fulfilling the Royal functions which nominally still belong to his father.

Following the Cabinet meeting the leaders of Belgium's three main parties, the Catholics, Socialists and Liberals were called in by the Premier.

Recently King Leopold received the three party leaders and later M. Pholien opened discussions with a view to fixing the abdication date and agreeing on the status of King Leopold following his abdication.

King Leopold returned to Belgium last July, when his return was the signal for a widespread wave of industrial unrest sponsored by his opponents. In August the King delegated his Royal prerogative to Prince Baudouin.

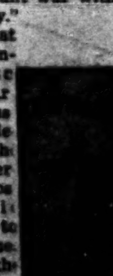
AFTER MIDNIGHT

The Senate passed and sent to the White House yesterday a compromise bill to send India $190,000,000 to buy 2,000,000 tons of U.S. grain. Officials have said the first shipments probably will be on the seas within about ten days after President Truman signs the measure.

Wedemeyer Backs MacA's Policy

WASHINGTON, Monday (AP). — Lt.-Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer told U.S. Senators today that he would adopt General MacArthur's proposals for bombing Communist China's bases and blockading her coast even if it meant war with "another country."

Testifying at the Senate inquiry into Gen. MacArthur's dismissal, Gen. Wedemeyer said the refusal to permit the deposed Pacific commander to bomb bases "where the enemy was gathering his strength" was an "unfair restriction and unrealistic."



Gen. Wedemeyer

Gen. Wedemeyer was former deputy U.S. army chief for planning. He left that post in 1949 and is now commanding general of the 6th Army with headquarters at San Francisco, but has asked to be retired.

He told Senators he asked to be relieved as deputy chief of staff because "I felt frustrated." He continued: "I have served in the department for a number of years, and from time to time I made suggestions along policy lines and those suggestions were not accepted or implemented."

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Social & Personal

Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour, and Mr. Pinhas Lavon, the Minister of Agriculture, will participate in the opening of the Near East Pipe Co., Ltd., a joint Solel Boneh and Koor enterprise, at 3.30 on Sunday afternoon at the plant's premises on the Haifa-Acre Road. Buses will leave the Solel Boneh Building, 45 Rehov Hanamal, Haifa, at 3 p.m.

Mr. Paul Davidovici, the Rumanian Consul-General, arrived in the s.s. Transilvania yesterday.

Dr. G. Landauer, of the Jewish Agency Executive, returned yesterday from Germany after a visit in connection with compensation claims.

Mr. Yoseph Saphir, Knesset member and former Mayor of Petah Tikva, left by Air France for the U.S. yesterday, to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Z.O.A. on behalf of the General Zionists.

Mr. Joseph Blumenfeld, General-Manager of the Government's Mine Development Authority, returned from Paris by Air France yesterday.

Dr. Wilhelm Filderman, one of the leaders of Rumanian Jewry who arrived recently in Israel from Paris on a visit, was received by Mr. Y. Sprinzak, the Knesset Speaker, yesterday.

Mr. Hillel Dan, Manager of Solel Boneh, returned from a visit to Europe yesterday.

Mr. Y. Efter, General-Manager of Hamashbir Hamerkazi, has returned from a visit to the Scandinavian countries.

Mr. Max Spitz, manager of the South Africa-Israel Investment Company, returned by El Al from Johannesburg yesterday.

Mr. A. L. Loewenstein, Director of the Palestine Automobile Corporation Ltd., returned by air yesterday evening from his three-week commercial visit to Belgium and England.

Mr. Benjamin Weizmann, President Weizmann's son, is due to leave by B.O.A.C. for London this morning after a short visit to Rehovot.

Dr. Alex. Bein, Assistant Director of the Central Zionist Archives, has returned from a mission to Europe.

Mr. Ronald A. Nelson, British official in charge of claims by Israel subjects against Britain, arrived in Israel yesterday.

Mr. Joseph Sugarman, Managing Director of the Jerusalem Shoe Corporation, has been appointed President of the Palestine Economic Corporation and not Chairman.

Dr. A. Beller, of the Department of Neuro-Surgery at the Jerusalem Hadassah Hospital, will lecture in Hebrew on "Neuro-Surgery, Past and Present," at 8.30 this evening at the Israel Touring Club, Talbieh, Jerusalem.

Mr. M. Ardon, Principal of the New Bezalel School, will lecture on modern art in conjunction with the "Cezanne to Picasso" exhibition at 8.30 tomorrow evening at the School in Jerusalem.

Mrs. Michael Comay will speak on "The Village of the Blind" at 4.30 this afternoon at a tea of the Hadassah Club for Overseas visitors, 80 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel Aviv.

The Eighth Annual Convention of the Fish Breeders' Association will be opened at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon at the Genossar Hotel in Tiberias.

Saint-Saens' opera, "Samson and Delilah," will be presented by the Hebrew National Opera at the Habima Hall in Tel Aviv at 8.30 tonight, with Edis de Philippe in the role of Delilah. M. Golinkin will conduct.

BIRTH AND BRITH MILAH

JENIN — To Hanna (nee Lederberg), wife of Mr. Grisha Jenin—a son. The Brith Milah will take place on Wednesday, June 13, 1951, at 1.30 p.m. at the Assutah Hospital, Tel Aviv. Relatives and friends are cordially invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING

To mark the first anniversary of the death of Prof. Julius Guttman, Professor of Jewish Philosophy at the Hebrew University, a symposium on "The Topicality of Jewish Philosophy" will be held under the auspices of the Hebrew University and the Philosophical Society at 8.15 this evening in the Schocken Library, Talbieh, Jerusalem. Prof. H.S. Bergmann, Prof. G. Scholem, Dr. Nathan Rotenstreich, and Mr. Jacob Lebinger will participate.

Davidson Gets In

Although the American sculptor, Jo Davidson, arrived in Lydda Airport from Paris yesterday without a visa, he had no difficulty in entering the country.

He and his wife left Paris unexpectedly as the guests of Mr. Bartley Crum and could not get a visa from the Legation because it was closed for *Shavuot*. An official scrawled an unstamped visa in his passport which was honoured without any difficulty.

The Hebrew National
OPERA
PETAH TIKVA: [illegible] Thursday, June 14, 8.30 p.m.
TEL AVIV: Habimah Tuesday, June 12, 8.30 p.m.
JERUSALEM: Edison Thursday, June 28, 9 p.m.
Samson & Delilah
Opera in 3 acts (4 scenes) by Saint-Saens, with
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Conductor: M. GOLINKIN

Tax Policy Brought Down Gold Prices

The remarkable fall in the price of gold and other goods during the past few weeks, and the strengthening of the currency, was the subject of a talk by Mr. J. Ronen, Public Relations Officer of the Ministry of Finance, over Kol Yisrael.

Mr. Ronen attributed the improvement to, among other things, the Government's new policy of financing defence expenditure from taxation and popular loans instead of by issues of Treasury Bills as previously. This, he pointed out, had only recently become possible as a result of the considerable increase in the national income resulting from full employment and other economic developments.

Another important contribution to the improved situation had been the decision of the banks to restrict credit to essential purposes, thereby reducing inflationary pressure.

The ban on trading in gold had also done much to restore stability and to create an atmosphere of confidence, he continued. It had been demonstrated that gold was by no means the most stable form of investment, and that speculation in gold was as likely to be accompanied by loss as by gain, he declared.

The hopes of some that the ban would result in an even higher black market price of gold had been defeated, and the public was exchanging its holdings for dollar-linked bonds or for non-payment import facilities, Mr. Ronen continued.

Among the factors contributing to the improved state of affairs was the great industrial potential of the expanding population, Mr. Ronen said. A total of IL.70m. had been invested during 1949 and IL.114m. during 1950, and it was safe to assume that it would be even higher this year, he added. The cultivated area of the country had been doubled, and would be trebled within a year or two; and more than 2,000 industrial and manufacturing enterprises had been established during the past two years, Mr. Ronen stated. When the funds from the Independence Loan were put to use, Israel would witness a veritable industrial revolution, Mr. Ronen added.

Two Years For Perjury

Leon Freiman, of Tel Aviv, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the Jerusalem District Court last week for committing perjury at the murder trial of Binjamin Smederman.

Freiman had denied that he had been in a Jerusalem cafe on July 14, 1947, but Judge B. Shareshevsky accepted the evidence of S. Bachar and S. Pincho who said that they had both seen Freiman there.

In the Smedersman trial, in May, 1949, Freiman described himself as a "pastry cook by trade and a thief by profession."

The murder trial dealt with the death of Mr. J. Goldberg, who had been killed between July 14 and 15, 1947, after a group of thieves had broken into his textile store.

Smederman, who had been freed of the murder charge because of insufficient evidence, testified for Freiman in the perjury trial. Judge Shareshevsky refused to give him credence and said that in view of his long criminal record, Smederman impressed him as a liar.

Seeds for Grain

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday (ITIM). — Mr. Y. Arnon, Director of the Government's research station for field crops at Neve Ya'ar, and Mr. A. Schatz, of Hamashbir Hamerkazi, returned to Israel by Air France today, after a month's visit to Europe for the Ministry of Agriculture.

They said that they had been able to buy stocks of grain seeds, despite the world-wide supply difficulties.

Britain Clears Way For Israel Oranges

Britain has agreed to increase the maximum percentage of fruit fly affliction of imported fruits from three to five per cent and thus make possible the unloading and sale of a number of shiploads of Israel oranges held up recently in British ports, Mr. Y. Peleg, Director of the Plant Protection Department of the Ministry of Agriculture reported in Jerusalem after his return from London and Paris.

In Paris, Mr. Peleg participated in the European Plant Protection Conference, at which Israel, on its own request, was transferred from the Asian Plant Protection Zone to the European Zone. The parley was sponsored by the Food and Agricultural Organization.

IL.100,000 Loan To Build J'lem Schools

The Jerusalem Municipality has been authorized by the Ministry of the Interior to obtain a loan of IL.100,000 from Barclays Bank for the construction of schools, according to an item gazetted last week.

MAN FINED IL.60 FOR 100 PRUTA OVERCHARGE

Avraham Goldschmidt, 46, of Jerusalem, was fined IL.60 in the Jerusalem Anti-Profiteering Court yesterday, for overcharging 100 pruta on a IL.1.200 lock, and for failing to exhibit price tags on his wares.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 407 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.
TEL AVIV: 42.9, 33.3 & 522 M.;

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 6, 8.30 and 10.25 p.m.; English: 2 and 10.15 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; French: 3 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.15 Exercises. 6.40 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies. 7.45 Oriental Music: R. Amar. 8.30 Close Down.

10.00 a.m. Morning Concert (R). 10.30 Variety (R). 11.00 At the Opera (R). 12.00 N. Break for Music (R). 12.30 Consumers Co-operatives. 12.30 Programme for Hospitals. 1.00 Soldiers' Programme: Classical Requests. 1.45 Housewives' Corner. 3.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 4.30 Siesta (R). 4.30 Piano Recital: Nina Kirshenbaum, Yehudit Cohen & Yaacov Neubauer. 4.45 "Legends" by Dr. E. Olswanger. 5.00 Vocal Recital: Betty Rosov-Vogel. 5.30 Recital: Sascha Parnes & W.A. Schocken. 5.50 Agricultural Corner. 6.15 "News in the Arab World" by R. Mutzeri. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 "Recreation" Programme by M. Akavia. 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Programme for Policemen. 8.45 "The Cash" Sketch by M. Ohad. 9.00 Kol Israel Orchestra: Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger; Soloist: Sara Bodankin-Rabinovitz: Prelude "Khovanchtchina" (Moussorgsky); Piano Concerto No. 1 (Chopin); "Romeo & Juliet" Ballet Suite No 2 (Prokofieff). 10.05 Interlude. 10.30 Dance Music (R). 11.15 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (38.3 M): 7.00 p.m. Yiddish; 7.20 p.m. Ladino; 7.40 p.m. French; 8.00 p.m. Turkish; 8.15 p.m. Persian.

Kol Zion Lagola (33.3 M.): 12.15 a.m. Newsreel. 12.30 Vocal Recital: Avraham Wilkomirsky. 12.45 "Science Survey."

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (19.91 and 24.92 M.): 7.30 News. 7.40 News Talk. 7.45 Visitors' Corner. 7.50 Treasury of the Mind.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (230, 225 & 44.6 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.33 Works by Tchaikowsky. 7.00 Air Force Programme. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Works by Offenbach. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.40 Interlude. 9.00 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme: 9—9.30 p.m. (13.85, 16.85, 17.01 & 19.07 M. from U.S.A.; 19.63 & 25.36 from Tangiers).

Prof. U. CASSUTO
will address the "Dante Alighieri" Society in Hebrew
on
The Echoes of Dante's Poetry in Hebrew Literature
tomorrow June 13, at 8.30 p.m. at the Hebrew University (Terra Sancta).
The public is invited.

THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
Tel Aviv:
Tonight, "Ohel-Shem"
at 8.30 — SERIES 3
Haifa:
Tomorrow "Armon"
at 9 p.m. — SERIES 1
Thursday, June 14 SERIES 2

"KEREN HAYESOD"
Special Announcement
Film Shows of Life in Israel presented daily at our Head Office Auditorium from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. will be given again as from tomorrow.
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The public is cordially invited to inspect the "Youth of Israel" Exhibition, on view at our Head Office auditorium, today, from 8 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Soviet Mission Forced Out of U.S. Zone

VIENNA, Monday (Reuter). — The officers of the Soviet Reparations Mission who left their H.Q. in Salzburg at the request of the U.S. authorities on Saturday morning, returned from the Soviet zone half an hour later and finally had to be forced to leave by U.S. soldiers.

They were asked to leave the American zone by Friday midnight but at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning they were still in their H.Q. building. They had sent away their own transport and U.S. trucks were sent to evacuate them.

The U.S. authorities had asked the Soviet Reparations Mission to leave Salzburg as they considered its work was ended.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

8-6: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo; Romema.

9-1; 3-8: Chagall Exhibition (oils, drawings, engravings, ceramics); Bezalel Museum.

10-1; 4-7: Graphics & Etchings by South Californian artists; Works by Mrs Glika; Artists House.

11-1: 'Cezanne to Picasso' Exhibition of Prints; New Bezalel School.

TEL AVIV

10-4: Retrospective Exhibition Albert Marquet; Paintings by Afieli; Tel Aviv Museum.

9-1; 4-7: Exhibition of oil paintings by Mokady; Mikra Studio, 56 Rehov Allenby.

7.30 & 9.30 p.m.: Tibanyi and his wonder revue; Yasha Heifetz Hall.

8.30 p.m.: "Enemy of the People:" Chamber Theatre; Mograbi Hall.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-8.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.

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Get your Identity Card. Without it you will not receive your ration booklet.

By arrangement with the Ministry of Interior, Identity Cards will be issued to those who apply for same up to June 15.

Apply to your shop at the time fixed for the distribution of Ration Booklets.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

PARNASSUS
LAST TWO PERFORMANCES BY
CILLY WANG
At the Piano: WIM DE VRIES
TOMORROW JERUSALEM: "EDISON" 9 P.M.
THURS., JUNE 14 TEL AVIV: OHEL HALL
PARTICULARS IN POSTERS

AT THE CINEMA

No film could be more topical than "Hope on Huleh," which was exhibited to the press on Monday at the Ministry of the Interior. Produced by Lazar Duenner as a documentary for the Jewish National Fund with an unobtrusive commentary, its colour photography is in remarkably good taste and suitable to the immigrant types portrayed at the beginning of the film. The draining of the swamp, of course, is the leitmotif with effective sequences on the battle against malaria, and scenes showing the peaceful work as it is executed by bulldozers and tractors. The short has special appeal in its depiction of things to come: new villages and a "free people on a free land."

Widow with a Weapon

"The Wistful Widow of Wagon Gap" (Edison) is a typical Abbot and Costello slapstick romp in the wild and woolly west. They are ably assisted by Marjorie Main, as the merry widow with a shotgun.

Realism on the Highway

"Thieves' Highway" (Orion) is a realistic film about the hard life of a truck driver (Ricrard Conte) who transports apple crates to 'Frisco by night, doing the 400-mile stint without sleep. He lives under a star of tragedy, his father having been crippled on the same run several months before, and his best friend having been killed in an accident. After he is robbed of all his money and subsequently deserted by his girl, the plot revolves about a dual theme of recuperation and retribution. The cast includes Jack Oakie, Barbara Lawrence, Valentina Cortesa, and Lee J. Cobb. The realistic quality is enhanced by the flurries of Italian spoken by the hero's family.

A Great Film

This reviewer would trade all the week's feature premieres, including Bob Hope's "Fancy Pants," (Zion) for the matinee revival of Serge Eisenstein's 1938 production, "Alexander Nevsky" with its famous score by Serge Prokofieff and the unforgettable battle-scenes showing the Russians' struggle with the 13th Century German invaders, which takes place on an ice-bound lake. Unfortunately, the film was overlooked by many due to poor publicity. More unfortunately, the great film appeared on a double bill with Jungle Jim's "Captive Girl."

FRANGO

Jerusalem Cinemas

At 3.30, 7 & 9 p.m.

EDEN: Father of the Bride. Also today at 3.30 p.m.
EDISON: The Wistful Widow of Wagon Gap. (3.30 & 7 p.m.).
ORION: Thieves' Highway.
SEMADAR: Almadi Almagul (3, 7, 9 p.m.).
STUDIO: Bicycle Thief.
ZION: Fancy Pants.

HAIFA

GAN YAM (Bat Galim): Look for the Silver Lining (8.30 p.m.).

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

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TEL AVIV: — Geula, 10 Allenby, 2275; Mercaz, 1 Nahlat Binyamin, 3574; Yoz, 7 Ahad Ha'am, 5278; Abravanel, 109 Ben Yehuda, 2832.
JAFFA: Yaffo, 10 4th St., 80700.
HAIFA: Magen David, 13 Geulah, 6206; Hagalil, 19 Allenby.

יומן הבחירות
לכנסת השניה

DIARY FOR ELECTIONS TO SECOND KNESSET

This is the third day the Voters Lists have been on view. You still have 15 days for filing your appeal. Don't postpone it till the last days.

SOLDIERS AT THE POLLS

In accordance with a decision by the Central Elections Committee of May 27, 1951, representatives of parties in the Central Elections Committee must produce, by June 15 at the latest, a list of soldiers of whom a body of Military Polls Commission will be set up. Soldiers must be of rank no higher than Samal and must not be members of the Army Police Corps.

Central Elections Commission.

STATE OF ISRAEL

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Identity cards for the Purpose Of New Ration Booklet Distribution

In connection with the notice issued by the Food Department that new food ration booklets will be distributed to consumers only if they produce their Identity Cards (children under 16 their Registration Voucher), **and that, from July 1 rations will be distributed against the new ration booklets only,** residents are hereby informed that those who still have no Identity Cards or have not applied for them must do so (together with two photographs) by June 15. Residents who fail to apply by the above date can have no claim on the Residents Registration Office to issue them Cards before July 1.

Ministry of Interior,
Residents Registration
Division.

Medical Care for the Disabled

1). Every disabled person who is in need of medical attention for his disability as confirmed by the Welfare Officer, should apply to the certified local physician at the following addresses: **Jerusalem:** Dr. Steinitz, Schneller Qr.; **Tel Aviv:** Dr. Lynn, Jaffa, Rehov 6 No. 26; Haifa: Dr. Neugershal, 18 Rehov Yavne.

The Rehabilitation Department is not responsible for costs incurred for medical treatment unless the case has been first confirmed by one of the above physicians. Further, the disabled persons should apply to the military medical stations only upon confirmation by the above qualified physician.

2). A disabled person may apply directly to a physician or to a medical station without referral to the local physician only in urgent cases, and even then should at the earliest opportunity visit a qualified physician and give the particulars of the case. Refund of expenses incurred for treatment will be made by the Rehabilitation Department only if confirmed by the local qualified physician.

3). These instructions are issued in accordance with the Disabled Persons (Medical Attention) Ordinance, 1951.

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON MONDAY

Komemiut, Is., Wood. Hashlosha, Is., Gen. Cargo. Theo, Hon., Gen. Cargo. Atlantic, Tur., Sugar. Transilvania, Rum., Immigrants, Household Effects. Cesar Candella, It., Cement. [illegible], Is., Compl. Unloading. [illegible], Pan., Wheat. [illegible], U.S., Gen. Cargo. Wood. [illegible], It., Gen. Cargo. [illegible] Gen. Cargo. Waiting to Offload. Hanah Szenesh, Is., Waiting to Offload, Cavriel, Is., Pa[illegible].

SHIPS EXPECTED

11.6 Assimina, Cement. [illegible], Gen. Cargo. Cement, Coal. [illegible], Wood, Birkland, Gen. Cargo, Wood, Paper.
12.6 William H. Carruth, Dura, Areas, Immigrants, Gen. Cargo, Mail.
15.6 Ana N. Goulandris, Gen. Cargo.
17.6 Exiless, Gen. Cargo.
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Today's POST BAG

THE WEATHER

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	—	19	31	29
Nathanya	81	19	28	26
Tel Aviv Port	84	19	26	26
Lydda Airport	38	17	33	30
Jerusalem	27	19	31	29
Beersheba	18	19	36	33

FORECAST: Fair.

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday.

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A three-ton lorry was impounded near Tel Aviv on the eve of Shavuot when it was found to be illegally transporting a ton of potatoes and 20 kilos of rice. The driver was detained.

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A gang specializing in the removal of water heaters from houses on Mt. Carmel, was caught by the Haifa police yesterday. Three men, including an alleged buyer, were arrested, and 18 of 20 stolen heaters were returned to their owners.

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The address of the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion, at the opening of the Kaiser-Frazer plant in Haifa on Thursday, will be rebroadcast over Kol Israel at 8 p.m. the same day.

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The Ramle branch of the Magen David Adom raised IL.450 at a dance held on Saturday night.

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The offices of the Grocers' Centre in Tel Aviv will be closed today and tomorrow owing to the Grocers' Conference in Haifa.

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Identity cards already applied for will be distributed today and tomorrow at Registration Offices between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.; and 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

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A sentence of two years was passed by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday on Moshe Tajjer, 32, of Haifa, for obtaining IL.100 under false pretences from Yosef Levy, of Tel Litvinsky, in January, 1950. He had promised to purchase groundnuts for him, but disappeared with the money.

More Restrictions On Iraq's Jews

BAGHDAD, Monday (INA).—The Iraqi Ministry of the Interior has announced restrictions on temporary absences abroad of the 20,000 Iraqi Jews who have not yet renounced their nationality.

They are still allowed to travel abroad for medical treatment, for business reasons, study or holiday but they must return within three months or lose their nationality and assets.

1,373 from Rumania

HAIFA, Monday. — About 100 families of the 1,373 newcomers from Rumania, who arrived in the s.s. Transilvania this morning, left Haifa Port directly for two *ma'barot*, 50 for Kiryat Shmoneh in Upper Galilee and 50 for Caesaria.

Yugoslav Envoy Calls At Histadrut

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Yugoslav Minister to Israel, Mr. Dushan Bratic, paid a courtesy call on the Histadrut Executive today, and was greeted by the Secretary-General, Mr. M. Namir. The Minister was accompanied by his First Secretary, Mr. Feliks Gorski.

Mr. Namir expressed the pleasure of the Histadrut at the friendly relations existing between the Labour Federation here and the Workers' Movement in Yugoslavia, and praised the attitude of the Yugoslav Government which permitted the emigration of Jews to Israel. The visitors were also welcomed by Mr. Z. On, Mr. R. Barkatt, and Mr. Y. Haskin.

Ration News

JERUSALEM—Grapes: 150 grams, Shin Aleph 22, distribution continues in zone 1. Bananas: 500 grams, Aleph and Bet, Peh 29, distribution continues in zones 2, 4, 5, 8. Onions: 200 grams, 271, distribution in zone 11. Tomatoes: 300 grams.

TEL AVIV DISTRICT — Fish: 175 grams, Tsadi 28, visitors, 37; in zones 1, 2, live carp, in remaining areas, Turkish frozen fish; 150 grams, live carp, Shin Aleph 3, distribution in zones 3-7; persons in zones 7, 8 and in villages who have not yet taken ration on Shin Aleph 3 may do so no later than today. Eggs: 4, Resh 19 (second June ration).

The price of white grapes will be decreased to 175 pruta a kilogram and purple grapes to 180 pruta a kilogram beginning tomorrow. The maximum price of Japanese plums has been set at 135 pruta a kilo. Grade A lemons will now sell for 80 pruta Grade B for 60 pruta the kilo.

June rations for physical labourers: 400 grams sugar, 400 grams rice and tinned fish for coupon 27; 400 grams meat for coupons 34, 35.

Prosecution Witness Charged At Preliminary Treason Inquiry

Mr. Menashe Halevy, who testified yesterday for the Prosecution in the preliminary inquiry against the four zealots indicted for treason, was charged at the same session of the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court with giving false evidence.

Magistrate Y. Cohen ordered Mr. Halevy, Director of the Porat Yosef Yeshiva, to appear at each session to which he is invited. (According to law, a witness cannot be arrested for giving false evidence until the end of the proceedings). The solution decided upon by the Magistrate will prevent a possible escape.

Mr. Halevy told the Court that he used to discuss the defence of the Hebron Yeshiva against members of Mapam, with Ridder, Eliahu and Raful.

Later, according to the testimony the witness together with Shimon Ba'dany, consulted **Hazon Ish**, a B'nei Brak sage, concerning the desirability of using force on the Sabbath. The latter declared it would be forbidden and Halevy testified that this communication was transmitted by him to the accused. He refused to commit himself as to the effect his message had, though according to the testimony he had given the Police, Mr. Shimron, State Attorney, charged, Halevy had said the accused failed to be convinced by the opinion of Hazon Ish.

Another alleged discrepancy between the witness's evidence in Court and the statement he had made to the Police was concerned with the impression the accused made on Halevy during a discussion of the cars that had been burnt in Jerusalem. In Court Mr. Halevy said that one of the accused (Eliahu or Ridder) had triumphantly approached him a few months ago, saying: "You see, the Brith Hakanaim has stopped 50 per cent of the traffic." Since the orthodox community generally sympathized with these activities, the witness declared, this conversation had made no special impression on him. The statement allegedly made to the police, however, reads that Halevy "thought the accused were connected with the car-burnings."

Another contradiction charged, refers to the witness's statement in Court that he did not know of the existence of the Irgun Hamachane. Police Officer S. Geyer, who read out his interview with Mr. Halevy, said that on that occasion the witness had not denied knowledge of the organization.

Mr. Halevy testified in Court that he had sometimes used false names, in order to "rescue" children from non-religious kibbutzim and immigrant camps. In that capacity he formed part of an organization called "Irgun Pe'ilei Hamachane Hatorati."

Other testimony dealt with the importance to the Ministry of Defence of files on men liable for military service. (The accused are carged with conspiracy to destroy files on girls of military age). Mr. Y. Meiri, Head of the Jerusalem Recruiting Office, said that 39 per cent of girls plead religious objections to military service.

The 277 grams of hashish found with the arms cache were produced in Court and identified by Policeman B. Rubinstein. He stated that he had found it in the Sinai Yeshiva in Abu Tor on May 15. The accused are charged with the illegal possession of the drug.

The session, to be resumed on Thursday, ended with a large-scale identification of bottles and rags, found by the police next to cars which had been set on fire as well as in the butcher store on 22 King George Avenue.

3 Zealot Suspects Released on Bail

Miriam Breuner, Ya'acov Bleu and a minor, zealot suspects, were released by Jerusalem's Chief Magistrate, Mr. M. Gaulan, yesterday on bail of IL.250, IL.500, and IL.300 respectively.

The three are charged with having participated in the activities of an illegal organization; Bleu is also accused of having been present while illegal instruction in the use of arms was given to unidentified persons in Jerusalem.

Advocates for the accused argued that enough time had been accorded the prosecution to investigate the relatively minor charges.

Mr. I. Tunik appeared for Breuner and Bleu, while Mr. S. Toussia-Cohen appeared for the minor.

'Police Used Force To Halt Resistance'

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The parliamentary inquiry into charges of maltreatment of suspected religious zealots in the Jalameh camp was resumed today in the District Court here. Two detainees claimed that the police guards had beaten their charges and forced them to run round the camp, while two police witnesses said the guards had used force only to counter resistance.

The detainees who testified today were Mordecai Wormser and Shlomo Lorenz. The former said that in the first three days of his detention police beat him, forced him to race about the yard and pulled his hair, because he had not run fast enough and had refused to say, "Thank you very much, Mr. Policeman."

Lorenz said that subsequently the prisoners were kept on the run when they worked at watering the gardens, when they collected their food and when they made the policemen's beds.

Mr. Arieh Shur, Superintendent of the Haifa District, testified in the afternoon that he had been present when the detainees had arrived. The first two men refused to leave their truck and the police thought that there would be organized resistance to their removal.

Therefore, the detainees were forced to run and walk alternatively until the registration ended. The purpose of this was to prevent them from getting together and organizing resistance, the witness said.

On subsequent days, exercises were part of the physical training programme, he said.

The commander of Jalameh camp, Mr. Berouthal, denied that the detainees had been forced to keep running while they watered the gardens. He said that the spectacles of three detainees had been taken away because in Haifa a prisoner had once tried to commit suicide by cutting himself with the lenses.

The inquiry will be resumed on Thursday.

Ben Gurion

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Jewish people's "love and pride" of Israel.

"And we do not realize how amazed are other peoples and nations at our accomplishments," he said. "A year or two ago some said that Israel would soon collapse. Now nobody even thinks it."

Before entering the colourfully-decorated Municipality building the Prime Minister, accompanied by the Mayor and the Superintendent of the Jerusalem District Police, Mr. Levi Avrahami, reviewed a police honour guard on Jaffa Road.

The Municipality later held a reception at the Talbieh Rose Garden for Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gurion who received several hundred persons, including the religious leaders of the various Jewish communities, some of whom had only recently arrived in the country from Oriental countries.

Earlier in the afternoon, while en route to the capital, the Prime Minister and his party stopped briefly at the Hartuv *ma'bara*. At the entrance to the camp a squad of smartly mounted police took over the escort from motorcycle police. The camp inhabitants, who were lined up on both sides of the path leading through the camp, reflected the mixed population by the European and Oriental dress.

As the Prime Minister and Mrs. Ben Gurion approached the welcoming committee of three kindergarten-aged children who offered him the traditional bread and salt.

The welcoming ceremony, which was held under a decorative gate carrying a banner with the inscription: "From the Ingathering of the Exiles to the Ingatherer of the Exiles," was curtailed and the group had difficulty in re-entering their two cars. Whoops from the Oriental Jews and applause rang out as the party left with hordes of children in pursuit.

When Mr. Ben Gurion passed through Ramle on his way to the capital yesterday afternoon a crowd of about 3,000 burst through the police and military police cordon and surged around his car in greeting. A delegation of children from Ramle *ma'bara* offered him a bouquet of flowers. After a brief official welcome at the Municipality, Mr. Ben Gurion walked along the street, followed by a big crowd of youngsters.

Ingathering Must Be Speeded - Sharett

"This is a time to act, and to act quickly. We must seek a short cut towards redemption," Mr. Moshe Sharett, the Foreign Minister, said last night, stressing the extreme importance of the time factor in the ingathering of the exiles. He was addressing a Mapai-sponsored public meeting at the Edison Hall.

"It is an honour to ask other countries for help to accomplish this task and it is an honour to give this help," Mr. Sharett said, referring to the journey of the Prime Minister to the United States. "But Mapam, which daily attacks the United States and its President while at the same time speaking in lofty terms of the ingathering of the exiles, harms this process and actually sticks a knife in the back of every Jew who wants to come to Israel."

As to the problem of religion in Israel, this should be solved by the vote of an intelligent and responsible majority, which would give honour to the Jewish name.

"No real Sabbath is possible outside the State of Israel," Mr. Sharett exclaimed, "but neither is a Sabbath possible without certain persons working on the Sabbath and maintaining essential services." He recalled the ancient Jewish saying that a regulation which is not supported by the majority of Israel cannot be maintained.

773,000 Names On Election Register

The names of 773,000 residents eligible to vote in the Knesset election were displayed on Friday at 1,435 polling places throughout the country, Mr. Moshe Aloofi, Director of the Registration Department in the Ministry of the Interior, announced yesterday.

Almost 70,000 persons, for the most part new immigrants, have not been enrolled due to the fact that they have not yet registered their permanent addresses and could not be assigned to polling stations.

The registers, which were prepared at 13 stations, were divided into 20 electoral zones. Of the 1,435 polls, 99 (73,716 electors) are in Jerusalem, 264 (215,329) in Tel Aviv, and 109 (83,176) in Haifa.

It was announced that special registers would not be prepared for Army personnel. They are to vote either at the poll in their residential districts, or at Army camps where special election arrangements will be made.

Residents who were not included in the registers and have received no notice at their homes, may register at the Ministry of the Interior up to June 29. They are to receive replies by July 9.

Identity cards, without which it will be impossible to vote, will be issued until July 9. Thus far, 850,000 persons, including youths and immigrants who arrived after March 1, have been issued identity cards.

2,000 in Migdal Gad Go to Polls Today

MIGDAL GAD, Monday. — The 1,950 eligible voters of this town, which has a population of 10,000, go to the polls tomorrow to elect an 11-man Municipal Council. Of the voters on the list, 550 are newcomers from the Yemen, and 99 per cent of the population are new immigrants.

Although fewer posters have appeared here than in the Beersheba elections last week, the noise is greater, coming mainly from ten loudspeakers all set up within close range of each other, which blare music and political speeches throughout the day. Mr. I. Rokach, Mayor of Tel Aviv, who addressed a General Zionist open air meeting last night, was unable to compete with the noise. Only a handful of people attended the meeting.

Police reinforcements have been brought here to deal with any possible disturbances. A shopkeeper was seriously injured on Saturday when he was beaten up by youths, whom he had prevented from sticking posters of various parties on his windows. He was taken to Zrifin Hospital.

Identity cards were still being distributed late tonight. Among those who have not yet received their cards are the four Christian Arab families who have remained here.

Votes will be cast at four polling stations, including one in the former Arab town hall. The seven parties which have put forward candidates are Histadrut, Mapam, Hapoel Hamizrahi, Progressives, General Zionist, Herut and Communists. Agreement has been reached between Mapam and the Communists on surplus votes. The Histadrut list is headed by Mr. Eliahu Milrod, of the Custodian's Office.

Ice May be Rationed If Supply Not Improved

By E. A. Salpeter

If the special committee appointed by the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. P. Lavon, to investigate the ice shortage in Jerusalem cannot find a workable solution, the Ministry will consider the possibility of rationing ice in the capital, reliable sources told The Post yesterday. Ice manufacturers argue, however, that rationing would increase the present demand even more.

There is no doubt that the present amount of ice produced by the four ice factories in Jerusalem—estimated to be between 55 to 65 tons a day—is not sufficient for a city of 130,000 inhabitants. In Tel Aviv about 200 tons of ice are produced for every 100,000 inhabitants, ice manufacturers in Jerusalem claim.

The committee appointed by Mr. Lavon, including some ice experts, will now investigate whether there are any possibilities of increasing the production by better use of the existing equipment, by installing additional machinery and by employing more workers.

They will also investigate the feasibility of bringing in ice daily from the coastal plain. The Ministry now plans to bring in at least 10 to 15 tons of ice a day, but manufacturers claim that to cover the demand about 50 tons more ice are needed daily.

The committee will also investigate, "whether there are no other factors besides the technical ones that add to the shortage of ice," Ministry sources said.

Mr. Zvi Kahn, manager of the Karir factory in Tel Arza in Jerusalem, yesterday strongly denied that there were manipulations with ice to induce the Government to increase prices. The manufacturers do not ask a definite increase of prices; they do demand that the Government investigate their production costs which increased considerably during the past year owing to increased prices of chemicals, increased wages and increased repair costs.

The real reason for the shortage of ice is the lack of equipment in the existing ice factories, Mr. Kahn claimed to The Post yesterday. The shortage began last year; it has now increased with the increase of population. A year ago the factories asked for an allocation of foreign currency to buy additional compressors and other equipment, but did not get it. Each factory needs about IL.5,000 in foreign currency, he said.

With an additional compressor each could increase the production by 10 to 15 tons a day, thus the four factories could cover the total demand in Jerusalem.

As to the total failure to distribute ice last Friday, Mr. Kahn claimed that people "bought more ice for the holiday." They jammed factories, smashed windows and "compelled" the factories to sell ice on the spot.

Mekorot Will Take Over Haifa Water

HAIFA, Monday.—The Haifa Municipal Council this evening was surprised by a proposal from Mayor Aba Hushi for an agreement with the Mekorot company which would accord it a virtual monopoly of the town's water supply for 17 years and hand over to them new Municipality-owned sources at Wadi Fallah.

General Zionists and Mapam Councillors stated that after five months of negotiations the company had abruptly presented 20 proposed amendments to the draft agreement, and claimed that the company was taking advantage of the town's present water crisis.

The Mayor then proposed that the agreement be signed with the reservation that changes may be proposed within a year. The matter was urgent, and he saw no other alternative. A decision on the matter has been postponed until Sunday.

40 Ill in Ramle Of Stomach Trouble

RAMLE, Monday, (ITIM). — About 40 residents here have been treated for stomach ailments during the past week, including a family of six taken to Sarafand hospital on Saturday in a serious condition.

Local doctors are demanding increased sanitary precautions and a tightening of food inspection.

FALL INTO TAR MIXER KILLS WORKER

BEERSHEBA, Monday (ITIM). —David Yirmiyahu, 43, a newcomer from Iraq new resident here, was killed today when he fell into a tar mixer. He leaves a wife and four children.

HANGED. — Five Japanese war-criminals were hanged yesterday in Los Negros, in the Admiralty Islands, for atrocities committed against Australian prisoners-of-war after the fall of Malaya.

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The Congress Elections on Wednesday, June 13, 1951

NON VOTER!

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VOTE FOR LIST פ THE LIST OF THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY — THE LIST OF THE REAL CENTRE PARTY

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ZIONIST VOTERS!

The 23rd Zionist Congress — the first in the State of Israel — will decide the future of the Zionist movement, its fate, its status in Israel.

The candidates of List ג the list of the independent Zionist Revisionist Organization (Brith Hatzohar), the guardian of Herzl's, Nordau's, Jabotinsky's political inheritance, will strive at this fateful Congress

to give Zionism a new content and vigour; secure for the Zionist Organization a legal status of a colonizing public body which represents World Jewry; cooperate with the Government of Israel for the good of the country and the Jewish people to stop narrow partisanship, discrimination and class domination.

REMEMBER:

We were **first** to fight for the Jewish State idea, **first** to train the youth for military preparedness; **first** for individual freedom and equality; **first** for industrialization and intensive agriculture; **first** for political offensive; **first** for mass emigration. **We always opposed** political docility, class domination and the splitting of our economy into "sectors."

Now, at this Congress, the delegates of List ג will be **among the first** in the battle for a charter for the Zionist Organization, for a State in its historic boundaries.

We oppose the so-called "ideological colonization," two economic sectors and the four-school-system which destroys the unity of the state and the people. We will defend private initiative and the rights of the "little man" who has no party backing.

We want: **one country, one united people, one joint effort,** a non-partisan colonization and equal rights for all who return to the homeland; unification of the national funds; general registration instead of the inefficient Shekel system; land for the Olim who want to work it.

Vote for List ג headed by Meir Grossman, member of the Jewish Agency Executive; Baruch Weinstein, former member of the Provisional State Council; Dr. Jacob Weinshal, co-founder of the Revisionist Movement and Chairman of the Brith Hatzohar in Israel; Professor Jacob Rottman, educator and Chairman of the Brith Hatzohar Council in Israel.

Zionist whose party has not put up a list—don't fail to vote ג
— because it is the only "citizens' list" in these elections.
This is the only list of the Revisionists and non-Socialists.
Get your Shekel and cast your vote for List ג

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Syria Opens Border With Lebanon

DAMASCUS, Monday (AP).—Syria today reopened her frontier with Lebanon. It has been closed for two days following the expulsion by Lebanon on Saturday of 1,000 Syrian labourers and their families from Beirut.

Lebanon apologized for the incident earlier today. She said it had taken place as a result of a misinterpretation by the police of an UNRRA request to separate from the refugee camps in Beirut Syrian immigrants who had filtered into the camps, overburdening the agency's budget.

Some sources said Lebanon also offered to take back the labourers.

SUSPECTED FISHERMEN INFILTRATORS HELD

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM).—Five Arabs caught last Thursday while trying to enter Israel from a fishing boat were today remanded for 15 days by Magistrate Y. Matalon here.

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Cables in Brief

DIED. — Judge Gavan Duffy, noted Irish lawyer and politician, died in Dublin yesterday, aged 68. He was the first Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Irish Free State.

AWARD. — Fifty Polish Jewish workers have been awarded first-class "Stakhanovite" prizes for exceeding the normal quota of work allotted them.

PRACTICE. — Air-raid sirens are to sound in Amman today for the first time since the war, and civil defence units will go into action, "A-Difa" reports.

CLASH. — Hanover police clashed on Sunday with 60 demonstrators, reportedly members of the neo-Nazi Sozialistische Reichspartei, who attempted to lay a wreath inscribed to the memory of the seven Nazi war-criminals hanged at Landsberg, on the Hanover war-memorial.

PLATFORM of MAPAI to the 23rd ZIONIST CONGRESS

The 23rd Zionist Congress in Jerusalem, will be the first Congress called upon to carry out its tasks, with the help of its State.

The task of Zionism was and is the solution of the Jewish problem throughout the world, by means of the ingathering of the Jewish people into its Homeland. During the 50 years of its existence the Zionist movement succeeded in creating the instruments to carry out its mission. The movement is now called upon to carry out its task on a scale commensurate with evergrowing needs and tremendous potentialities, the like of which have never be encountered in our history.

The World Zionist Organization is now faced with two urgent practical undertakings:

a) to reinforce and develop the State of Israel and to ensure it the political, economic, and cultural facilities for absorbing the masses of immigrants from all countries of the world, and integrating them into a life of creative work.

b) to organize and encourage the Jewish people throughout the world to be prepared to fulfil its task in the Homeland, and to direct the immigration of its pioneers.

The 23rd Zionist Congress will be asked to re-examine all the means at its disposal — organizational, financial, and spiritual, and to reorganise them and adapt them to the great and overwhelming tasks of Zionism.

MAPAI will do all in its power at the 23rd Zionist Congress for the acceptance of the principle that the World Zionist Organization and its Executive support the State and Government of Israel, in every sphere of their activity.

MAPAI will do all in its power, in the Second Knesset of the State of Israel, in order to accord the World Zionist Organization, by means of state legislation, *special legal status*, in all matters affecting the achievement of the task of the Zionist Organization in the Sate of Israel.

A joint board of the State and the World Zionist Organization will systematically co-ordinate activities to those spheres which are mutually agreed upon by the State and the World Zionist Organization.

MAPAI WILL ATTEMPT at the 23rd Zionist Congress to set up a **UNITED ZIONIST ORGANIZATION** in every country of the Diaspora, to embrace the members of all Zionist parties existing in each country, based on the principle of the personal membership of every Jew loyal to the aims and prepared to accept the authority of the decision of its elected bodies.

The Zionist Organization in each country should be responsible for:

a) the organization and speeding of immigration from all countries, and the suitable training of the prospective immigrants,

b) the development of the Halutz movement amongst Jewish youth everywhere,

c) the increase of the immigration of young people from all countries, and the development of suitable institutions for their absorption in Israel,

d) doing its utmost to assure the rights of immigration of Jews from those countries which do not permit emigration,

e) the encouragement of private investment in constructive enterprises,

f) furthering of Jewish tourist trade, visits of students, and others from all countries.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SETTLEMENT

Since the last Congress, the number of agricultural settlements has doubled, tens of thousands of immigrants from the various countries of dispersion have been brought nearer to all forms of life in the Jewish nation, even though the process has only just begun. There are still great areas of barren land; the agricultural produce is far from sufficient for the basic needs of the population; the new settlements are not yet firmly established, nor has the natural wealth of the country been completely exploited. Many still turn to non-productive means of livelihood, and the ills of life in the diaspora are also prevalent in the social structure of our new state. **MAPAI** will strive within the settlement activity of the World Zionist Organization, to establish labour agricultural settlements firmly in all its forms, kibbutz, kvutza, and moshav, to carry out systematical development throughout the state, to ensure that the soil remain the property of the nation for generations to come, and to settle the masses of new immigrants on the land.

The Zionist Organization will carry out its work in the field of immigration, and settlement, in constant and systematic consultation with the Government of Israel and its institutions.

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE NATION

The World Zionist movement today represents the Jewish people dispersed throughout the world, which feels closely aligned to the state of Israel. It is responsible for organizing the Jewish people throughout the world, developing national consciousness, defending their rights, encouraging the constructive forces in their midst, and furthering the education of the younger generation by establishing Hebrew schools and spreading a knowledge of the Hebrew language and literature, so that the nation may be trained to fulfil its historic task.

The World Zionist Organization and the Jewish State will be in a position to fulfil the tasks placed upon them only by a coordination of the forces directing them both, and by mutual understanding.

The ideal of labour settlement, social justice, and democratic equality are the guiding light of **MAPAI** in the World Zionist Organization and in the homeland, and to this very day the basis of our political, cultural, and settlement success.

The Labour movement in Zionism, the creative pioneering movement, faithful to the needs of the nation and of its land, is called upon to take the responsibility for the fate of the national movement, whose focal point is the newly established State of Israel.

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TO MAPAI MEMBERS AND SYMPATHIZERS WHEREVER THEY ARE:

Check immediately and see whether your name appears in the voting registers to the Second Knesset.

Appeal immediately if your name isn't in the register. The time for appeal is very limited. Check and appeal now.

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LESS WHEAT

THE Indian famine — which the Indian Government, with an eye on the coming elections, now declares to be less serious than was thought — has recently directed attention to the world shortage of basic foodstuffs. India itself is producing less rice than before the war, while the population has grown at a rate of about four million annually, and Burma's and Indo-China's exportable rice surpluses have almost disappeared. Now comes news that wheat production in the Northern Hemisphere is smaller this year than last. The seriousness of this fact for India is somewhat diminished by the American grant-in-aid (in form a loan, in fact a gift), but prices are likely to rise still higher and the exporting members of the International Wheat Council are becoming reluctant to increase their commitments under the quota scheme. There are enough stocks to ensure exports at the present level for another two years. Thereafter, a recurrence of the present poor harvests might cause disaster in countries which, like India, have no margin.

The present slight decline in wheat production is wholly traceable to bad weather last autumn and winter which reduced planting all over Europe and Canada, gave the new crops a poor start, and handicapped farmers in the spring. Provided there is no deterioration in crop conditions before harvesting, prospective supplies in the major surplus producing countries during 1951-2 should not differ substantially from last year's, but there has been a slight contraction at a time when demand is becoming stronger, stimulated by the strong feed-grain demand in the United States which may lead to increased use of wheat for animal fodder. In consequence, prices have risen, though not as fast as those of other raw materials. The importing countries who are members of the International Wheat Council have hitherto been shielded from the effects of this rise by the agreement which fixes the maximum price of wheat traded under its provisions at $1.80 per bushel. Not surprisingly, they are applying exporting countries are now reluctant to grant. The main exporters are not all in the same position as regards this year's crop. In Canada, acreage is estimated to be 3.5 per cent smaller than last year. A small loss in Australia is balanced by a net gain in Argentina, and the total exportable surplus of these two countries should be about equal to the previous one. Reports from the United States point to some decline since last year, despite an increase in the area planted. At the same time, Europe's import requirements are growing, partly due to the need to lay in reserves.

But the real change has come with Asia's appearance on the world market as a regular importer of increasing quantities of wheat. With India's continued population growth, and the decline of the rice surplus formerly produced by its neighbours, this trend is likely to become permanent. It is therefore alarming that India, Pakistan and the newly independent countries of South-East Asia should continue to devote so much energy to industrialization, and so little to the improvement of agriculture. Grain experts have estimated that in a typical area such as East Pakistan (formerly East Bengal) a 25 per cent increase in harvest could be achieved within a decade. Neglect of this basic need will in the long run do much to undermine the showy industrialization schemes in which all these countries are now engaged.

STATE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY DISCOURAGES U.K. VOTERS

Britain's Labour Party Strengthened

By Jon Kimche

LONDON.—THE editor of the foremost American newspaper was in London last week. Over lunch he met a small group of editorial representatives of the leading British papers. The American had come to the lunch straight from a meeting with Churchill — who had received him, as usual, in bed.

Is it true, the American asked, clearly still under the Churchillian impact, that you will have an election and a Conservative Government by October next? Churchill was absolutely certain of it.

The American editor was greatly surprised when he found that not one of his English colleagues at lunch shared Churchill's certainty. They would not commit themselves to more than that there was a fifty-fifty chance of an election this year, and similarly an equally even chance of a Conservative Government. They would go no further. For those who live close to British politics have come to realize in the last eighteen months that past tradition and form have become a poor guide of future performance. The unpredictable Attlee has changed all that.

Before the present Government was elected in February of last year, all the political and editorial pundits had proclaimed that no British Government could govern effectively unless it had a working majority of at least sixty in the House of Commons. The present Government has remained in office with a working majority of six, and it has passed highly controversial legislation such as the Nationalization of the Steel Industry in the teeth of all out Conservative and Liberal opposition.

Gallup Estimate

The early resignation of Mr. Attlee was again forecast after the Bevan resignation in April. But now, five weeks after the event, there is no sign of deeper division in the Labour Party nor indication that Attlee has decided to seek the opinion of the country. On the contrary, as the English editors explained to the American, there was every reason why Mr. Attlee should not do so. He knew roughly what the country thought. The Gallup poll maintained a regular monthly check. Its last count showed that the Conservatives still had a lead over Labour by eleven points.

But for the first time this month, the poll showed something else. For the last six months, its trend had been steadily against Labour. More and more people indicated their intention to vote for the Conservatives. Last month there was a change. The position remained static. Labour seemed to have reached rock-bottom. This month came the first sign of the turn of the tide. The Labour share began to increase, true by only one point, but for the first time in six months the trend in favour of the Conservatives seemed to be reversed.

It is therefore not difficult to understand Churchill's desire, strongly backed by the Conservative Press and the "Economist," for an early election. It is equally understandable that Attlee prefers to wait. The Labour leaders, in fact, believe that this change in fortune will continue. They believe that the Festival air, the increased meat ration later in the summer, the better weather after a dismal six months of continuous rain, and the possible end of the Korean war, may act reassuringly on the British public; that, in fact, the British may prefer Attlee's cautious "hesitation" which may limit the risks of extending the areas of conflict, to Churchillian "leadership" which might add to these risks.

All this now influences Attlee and his colleagues to wait and see before they decide on an election. The Labour movement as a whole still shows no inclination to surrender political power without a fight at the next election, although there are some groups who believe that a period of opposition would invigorate the movement with fresh ideas which have been noticeably lacking lately.

Bevan's Influence

A good deal depends on the strength which the Bevan group wins inside the Party and the Trade Unions, for it is the repository of this belief in the beneficial effects of opposition. But so far it is clearly not prepared to see its theory carried into practice by assisting in the defeat of the Government. There are no signs at all that the Bevanites are in any way disloyal to the Government.

In fact, Bevan himself and supporters like Michael Foot are, if anything, more strongly anti-Communist orientated than the members of the Government. They are a Left-Wing opposition without in any way approaching the Communists or the fellow-travellers. That is one of the interesting features—so far—of the Bevan revolt.

Anti-U.S. Feeling

One other important factor in the trends that strengthen Attlee's position, must be noted. The American attitude to the Persian dispute has confirmed many Englishmen in their cautious approach to the Korean war. The fact that the Americans from the first encouraged the British to give way to most of the Persian demands, that the State Department warned them against any show of force or the despatch of troops to Abadan, has made a deep impression.

It has confirmed the view that Korea was primarily an American interest whereas Persia clearly is not so important for the United States, although it is vitally important to the British. To this extent it has strengthened Attlee's position against Churchill's in dealing with the United States; it has encouraged the view that while there must be the closest cooperation between the two countries there must also remain a strong independent British viewpoint which can find expression when the need occurs.

Readers' Letters

CONGRESS ELECTIONS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — On Wednesday the people of Israel will elect their representatives to one of the most crucial of all Zionist Congresses. It will depend largely on them whether the Congress will be able to give a strong lead to the Jewish people all over the world in the fulfilment of the great tasks which still lie ahead.

For many years Mapai, the Israel Labour Party, and its sister parties overseas, have borne the brunt of the struggle for the rebuilding of the land of Israel and the establishment and consolidation of the State. Mapai is the true centre party, the party of the common man, in Zionism. It has steered a straight course between Mapam's over-growing enslavement to the Cominform and the out-of-date, provincial conservatism which masquerades in Israel under the inappropriate name of "General Zionism."

The people of Israel are respected by Jews abroad for their stoicism in bearing the hardship and suffering which are the inevitable concomitants of the heroic and unprecedented effort to double our population in so short a time. Will they justify this respect, and show their political maturity and sound judgment, by looking beyond the difficulties of the moment when they cast their votes on Wednesday?

Yours, etc.
ANGLO-AMERICAN CIRCLE OF MAPAI, JERUSALEM
Jerusalem, June 10.

FREE EMIGRATION

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—Referring to your recent report from the "Kol Ha'am" Trial, I would like to say that Jewish emigration from Yugoslavia is completely free. This fact is contrary to the statement made at the trial that the Yugoslav Government was influenced to hinder Jewish emigration to Israel. This can only be regarded as part of Moscow propaganda against Yugoslavia. Not only is emigration simple and free, but emigrants are permitted to take with them all their movable property, something which is different from the treatment of emigrants from various other Eastern European countries.

Yours etc.,
Immigrant from Yugoslavia
Tiberias, May 23.

EXPRESS BUSES

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—I travel regularly by bus between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. This journey has lately become a very tiresome business because the bus stops every five minutes either to pick up passengers or drop them off.

Egged should run express buses, non-stop between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and local buses which stop en route. The Tel Aviv-Haifa run has this kind of arrangement.

Yours etc.,
N. MIRKIS
Jerusalem, June 6.

PEN FRIENDS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—I would be very grateful if you would kindly publish my request for a pen-friend from Israel.

I am 18 years of age and would like to correspond with young people about my age or older.

Yours etc.,
JOY SILVER
124 Chase Rd.,
Southgate, N.4.
London, England.

THEATRE NOTES

Ibsen in Tel Aviv

An Enemy of the People
a play in 5 acts
by Henrik Ibsen
Directed by Joseph Millo

WHENEVER a play by Henrik Ibsen is produced it makes us wonder what it is about the works of this great playwright which makes them seem so dated. Is it that Ibsen was only important in his time, even though he so greatly influenced, not only the theatre, but thought generally at the turn of the century? Is it his method of approach and his characters? Or is it that his subject matter and the problems which he presents were problems pertinent only to his particular period?

In most of Ibsen's plays the answer seems to lie in the outdated subject matter. Problems which have been solved by legislation or a few doses of penicillin, do not seem dramatic today. A play written around a theme which no longer interests anyone is usually not good entertainment. But in "An Enemy of the People" the theme of the venality of politicians and the press is not really old-fashioned. The persecution of the individual who dares defy the powers that be, is something which plagues the world today as never before. When these subjects are combined with the subjects of family loyalty and affection, as well as extreme courage, written by a man who knew how to write for the theatre and acted by actors who are eminently suited for the parts, the net result can be a marvellous production.

But somewhere, the Chamber Theatre's presentation of the Ibsen play falls wide of this mark. It is not because the story is out of tune with the times. The whole action revolves around the polluting of the sea water by the faulty drainage system and the lack of funds to correct this fault unless the people are taxed heavily for the necessary changes. (Some wag even started a rumour during the intermissions to the effect that the mayor of Tel Aviv was about to issue a statement declaring that the filth in which Tel Avivians persist in swimming, is wholesome and pure). The Chamber Theatre based its production on the translation of the late Pesach Ginzburg who was a great lover of Norwegian literature and of Ibsen in particular. In reading his translation there is a great deal of thoughtful entertainment. But as presented on the stage the play moves along at a dull, heavy pace which never involves the emotions of the audience.

Varied Interpretations

Avraham Ben Joseph is one of the best actors in Israel. He usually interprets his parts sensitively and brings to them a feeling of reality. As Dr. Stockmann, however, he never manages to attain the greatness and the importance which Ibsen wrote into this fighting character. As Ben Joseph interprets him he seems a fussy and irritable man, rather than a righteously indignant crusader and lonely fighter. Zalman Lebiush's performance as Peter Stockmann, the Mayor, was by far the outstanding performance of the play. He made the mayor dignified and understandable even while he was risking the lives and happiness of his people and ruining his brother and his family. Gershon Klein gave a good caricature interpretation of Morten Kiil, the old step-father of Mrs. Stockmann. The editor of the local paper was interpreted by Michael Messinger as a Uriah Heep sort of character. As a matter of fact, many of the people seemed like Dickens types.

Henrik Ibsen was generally very kind in his presentation of women, but this kindness was not revealed by Tamara Samsonov, who acted Mrs. Stockmann in an uncertain and vague manner. Orna Porat as Petra, the daughter, looked purposeful enough, or perhaps just a little too purposeful. The rest of the participants were Mordechai Ben-Zeev, Abraham Arzi, Hanan Simtai.

Joseph Millo directed the play and together with A. Lahola adapted it for the Hebrew stage. Since it was an adaptation, it should have been cut and speeded up a great deal more than it was for the modern theatre. The characters could easily have been made more human and understandable, by some judicious changes, or by making them people rather than types.

The settings of Bill Goodhart were workmanlike and efficient. The revolving parts of the stage revolved and the stationary parts were cluttered.

IDA B. DAVIDOWITZ

REGIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION No.1

JERUSALEM ZONE

It is hereby announced that, for the convenience of the public, the Commission has decided to extend the period for viewing the Voters Lists in the Municipal Area from June 11 to June 17 inclusive at all stations as published in the notice by the Regional Elections Commission No. 1 (Jerusalem Zone) of May 25. All the above stations will be open from 4-8 p.m. daily and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday.

ASHER LEVITZKY, Chairman,
Regional Elections Commission.

HOW TO CORRECT AN ERROR

You have received your "Notice to the Voter" and noted errors therein. The number of your Identity Card had been wrongly given, your name has been written in an unaccustomed manner. Remember that we are dealing with hundreds of thousands of voters and mistakes can always be corrected.

Yet such mistakes are apt to do you harm. According to the law, unless all particulars in the voters list conform exactly to those in your Identity Card, you may lose your right to vote in the Second Knesset Elections.

So, write immediately to the Elections Bureau and enclose the "Notice" which you received. This letter may be sent post free.

If your knowledge of Hebrew does not suffice, the clerk at the Voters List stations will be glad to help you.

Ministry of Interior

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Any person who has changed his address is duty bound to inform the Residents Registration Office.

That's the law.

If you have failed to do so the "Notice to the Voter," which gives the citizen the number of his polling district, is bound not to reach you. Therefore, you are apt not to find your name in the Voters List in the zone in which you now live. The reason is simple.

What should you do?

If other tenants of the same house (or the same zone) have received the "Notice" and you haven't, go to the station where the voters list is open for inspection in your zone (or to any Post Office branch), ask for an Appeal Form, fill it out and send it off to the "Second Knesset Central Elections Bureau, Hakirya." If you do not take extreme care in filling out the form, your request may go unheeded. This will cost you nothing. There is no postage to be paid.

Ministry of Interior

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